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-against-

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QUESTION PRESENTED

Did trial by an anonymous jury, imposed without procedural safeguards, deprive petitioners of the presumption of innocence?

PARTIES

The parties to this appeal are Kenneth Thomas, Guy Thomas Fisher, Ishmael Muhammed, Frank Alphonse James, Thomas Forman, Wallace Rice, James Wheelings, Elmer Thomas Morris, Jr., and the United States of America.

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JURISDICTIONAL STATEMENT

The judgment of the Court of Appeals was entered on March 11, 1985. This Court's jurisdiction is invoked under 28 U.S.C. Sec. 1254(1). The United States District Court for the Southern District of New York had jurisdiction of the trial of this matter pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Sec. 3231.

OPINIONS BELOW

The opinion of the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit is reported at __ F.2d __(2nd Cir., 1985). The trial court issued no opinion, either written or oral, prior to granting the government's motion for an anonymous jury.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

On September 17, 1983, petitioners were indicted by a grand jury of the Southern District of New York. They were charged in a fifteen count

indictment with numerous violations of federal narcotics, firearms, and racketeering statutes, as well as conspiracy to murder government witnesses.

Trial of the matter commenced before an anonymous jury on October 10, 1983. On November 21, 1983, the jury returned a verdict convicting petitioners on a majority of the counts.[1] The jury returned verdicts of acquittal on the charges of conspiracy to murder government witnesses. Petitioners Fisher, Muhammed, James and Rice were sentenced to life terms of imprisonment and substantial fines. Petitioners Thomas, Forman, Wheelings and Morris were sentenced to lengthy

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[1]A complete summary of the verdict appears at A-4,5.

terms of incarceration and substantial fines.

Petitioners' appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit was argued on October 15, 1984. Their convictions were affirmed by a decision and order of March 11, 1985.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Petitioners were charged with narcotics, RICO, and firearms violations. The indictment alleged a wide-ranging conspiracy to distribute heroin and cocaine. Petitioners were also charged with conspiracy to murder government witnesses. The facts pertinent to this petition involve the impanelment of an anonymous jury.

The government moved for an anonymous jury and related relief (dispersal of jurors from a central point; jurors to eat lunch under guard) on August 17, 1983. The supporting

affidavit of Assistant United States Attorney Benito Romano alleged a "million dollar" contract on the life on Leroy "Nicky" Barnes;[2] widespread publicity; serious charges; and fears over the safety of prosecutors and police officials as reasons for an anonymous jury. The affidavit did not claim that defendants planned to threaten, harm, or bribe any juror.

On August 26, 1983, counsel for Guy Fisher filed an affirmation and memorandum of law in opposition to the government motion. The documents detailed the factual and illegal insufficiency of the government's motion.

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[2] A government witness and convicted heroin dealer.

Oral argument on the anonymous jury was also held on August 26th. During oral argument, Benito Romano claimed that the government had information of an attempted jury tamper during the 1977 trial of Leroy "Nicky" Barnes.[3] Mr. Romano did not provide any details or identify the perpetrators. Judge Pollack reserved decision on the anonymous jury question.

On September 1, 1983, Assistant United States Attorney Philip Douglas submitted a supplemental affidavit in support of the anonymous jury request. The Douglas affidavit stated that "Nicky" Barnes and a confidential informant had stated that an associate

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[3] United States v. Barnes, 604 F.2d 121 (2nd Cir., 1979) cert. denied 446 U.S. 907 (1980).

of Guy Fisher recognized a juror during the Barnes trial. Moreover, the informant "has informed me that Guy Fisher told the informant that $25,000 was paid to the juror in return for obtaining a hung jury for Guy Fisher." The Douglas affidavit also alleged that Fisher tried to have witnesses killed during the Barnes trial and that during his arraignment on the instant case, he made "hand signals" to his brother "indicating that a DEA agent and police officer should be killed." Douglas concluded that "based on my involvement in this case, I believe that the defendants in this case are likely to attempt to bribe, threaten, and/or kill jurors."

Fisher's counsel replied to these allegations on September 7th. The affirmation of William M. Kunstler labelled the jury tamper allegation

"absolute hogwash" and requested an evidentiary hearing. The government did not respond to the Kunstler affirmation and the trial court took no action on the demand for an evidentiary hearing.

On October 11, 1983, just moments prior to the commencement of the jury voir dire, Judge Milton Pollack announced that "I will advise counsel now that we will select a jury without disclosure of names, addresses or the address of their employment. The jury will be sequestered from the time that they are sworn in."

Judge Pollack did not make any findings of fact or conclusions of law prior to his decision. There is nothing in the record to indicate the basis for his decision or the information he relied upon.

REASONS FOR GRANTING THE WRIT

Trial by an anonymous jury extinguishes the presumption of innocence and deprives criminal defendants of their Fifth and Sixth Amendment rights to due process of law and a fair and impartial jury. This Court has never decided the constitutionality of an anonymous jury. Certiorari should now issue to review a decision which, in approving the practice, denigrates the presumption of innocence and conflicts with previous holdings of this Court and other federal circuits.

A. An Anonymous Jury Vitiates the Presumption of Innocence

> The actual impact of a particular practice on the judgment of jurors cannot always be fully determined. But this Court has left no doubt that the probability of deleterious effects on fundamental rights calls for close judicial scrutiny. Courts must do the best they

> can to evaluate the likely effects of a particular procedure, based on reason, principle, and common human experience.
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> Estelle v. Williams, 425 U.S. 501, 503 (1976)

Reason, principle, and human experience compel the conclusion that when a judge tells prospective jurors they may not disclose their names, the jurors will conclude that the defendants are dangerous and to be feared. As Professor Abraham Abramovsky observed in an article critical of United States v. Barnes, 604 F.2d 121 (2nd Cir., 1979), cert. denied 446 U.S. 907 (1980), "In effect, by his instruction with respect to anonymity, the trial judge implied that the defendants were so vicious and dangerous that anonymity was required to protect the jurors and their families from harassment, physical injury, or even death."

Abraham Abramovsky, Juror Safety: The Presumption of Innocence and Meaningful Voir Dire in Federal Criminal Prosecutions--Are They an Endangered Species? 50 Fordham Law Review 30, 35 (1981).

Courts have had little difficulty in concluding that forcing a defendant to appear in prison garb (Estelle v. Williams, 425 U.S. 501 (1976)); or gagged and shackled (Woodward v. Perrin, 692 F.2d 220 (1st Cir., 1982)); or surrounded by armed marshals (Flynn v. Holbrook, 749 F.2d 961 (1st Cir. 1984)); or seated in a prisoner's dock (Young v. Callahan, 700 F.2d 32 (1st Cir., 1983)) impairs the presumption of innocence. An instruction to a prospective juror that he may not reveal his name is even more harmful than the above practices. Not only is the juror being told that the

defendants are dangerous; he is also being told that the court feels they are a danger to him. The presumption of innocence cannot withstand such a blow.

B. The Trial Court's "Explanation" for Anonymity Did Not Attenuate its Impact

The Second Circuit concluded that the trial court gave "an intelligent, reasonable, and believable explanation for his actions" which "minimized the potential for prejudice to defendants." (A-11) The trial court told the jurors not to reveal their names, addresses, or places of employment so that they would be sheltered from the curiosity of the media and the public. At the same time, he said that:

> "For similar reasons, the jurors ultimately selected will be sequestered and kept free from outside influence and apart from the trial of the case. They will be housed and fed at government

> expense in a desirable hotel facility, to be kept together, and have your meals and recreation facilities all at government expense, and to be transported to and from court each day by the marshals assigned for that purpose.
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> (A-12)

A juror need not be unusually perspicacious to understand that anonymity will not further his privacy needs if he is going to be sequestered. If one is under the constant supervision and control of United States Marshals, he is not going to be endangered by the supposed "curiosity" of the media. Putting two and two together, the average juror would certainly understand that his anonymity arose out of concern for his post-trial safety rather than in-trial privacy.

C. No Facts Supported the Need for An Anonymous Jury

The only conceivable function of an anonymous jury is to shelter jurors from post-verdict revenge or retaliation administered by defendants unhappy with the outcome of the trial. Sequestration and attendant measures are, of course, sufficient to protect jurors during the trial and deliberations.

The Second Circuit held that before an anonymous jury may be imposed, there must be "strong reason to believe that the jury needs protection..." (A-12) Neither history nor the particulars of this case gave rise to any such reason.

Counsel has been unable to locate a single case of a juror suffering revenge or retaliation at the hands of a defendant dissatisfied with his

verdict. If such instances do exist, they are surely few and far between. It is undisputed that in the first two hundred years of this Republic's history, mass murderers, organized crime kingpins, labor racketeers, drug czars, corrupt politicians, spies, traitors, and all other manner of venal, vicious, despised, and depraved individuals were tried (and very often convicted) by jurors with names. The dearth of post-verdict attacks on jurors is probably explained by the utter futility of such an action. Even the most amoral of criminals understands that attacking a juror after conviction will not benefit him.

Despite the lack of precedent for post-verdict assaults upon jurors, the trial court refused to make any inquiry into why these petitioners had to be tried anonymously. Instead, it merely

accepted government affidavits which alleged that certain of the defendants had threatened government witnesses and that Guy Fisher had bribed a juror in United States v. Barnes. The Court refused to hold an evidentiary hearing on the latter accusation and failed to make any findings of fact or supply any reasons before ordering the anonymous jury.

The absence of findings of fact or conclusions of law makes it impossible to know why the anonymous jury was imposed. The court below apparently felt that generalized allegations about defendants' evil proclivities constituted "strong reason" to believe that the jury needed protection. "As a practical matter, we cannot expect jurors to 'take their chances' on what might happen to them as a result of a guilty verdict." (A-11) This approach

does not comport with constitutional standards. Before a defendant may be deprived of the indicia of innocence, a court must "balance with care the competing considerations of avoiding the undermining of the defendant's presumption of innocence and preserving the safety of counsel, jury, witness and spectators." Flynn v. Holbrook, 749 F.2d 961, 964 (1st Cir., 1984). For example, a defendant may only be gagged and shackled as a last resort (Illinois v. Allen, 397 U.S. 337 (1970)), and there must be an on-the-record justification for doing so. Harrall v. Israel, 672 F.2d 632 (7th Cir., 1982).

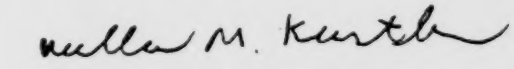
Neither the trial or reviewing court supplied any reason which would support an anonymous jury. It is not enough to assert that defendants are bad people. Almost any measure

(machine guns in the courtroom, hooded witnesses, anonymous judges, manacled defendants) would be permissible if the only test was the alleged character of the accused. Our system of justice demands, however, that the prosecution produce evidence of defendant's guilt and persuade the jury of that guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. Until that moment comes, a defendant is entitled to the shield of innocence. Coffin v. United States, 156 U.S. 432 (1895); Kentucky v. Whorton, 441 U.S. 520 (1979). The selection of an anonymous jury, without any showing that it was required for juror safety, violates that fundamental principle.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, a petition for certiorari should issue to review the judgment of the Second Circuit.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT

Nos. 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 348 —
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Docket Nos. 84-1010, 84-1024, 84-1025, 84-1026
84-1027, 84-1028, 84-1041, 84-1023

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Appellee,

—v.—

KENNETH THOMAS, GUY THOMAS FISHER, ISHMAEL MUHAMMED, FRANK ALPHONSE JAMES, THOMAS FORMAN, WALLACE RICE, JAMES WHEELINGS, ELMER THOMAS MORRIS, JR.,

Defendants-Appellants.

Before:

NEWMAN, CARDAMONE and DAVIS *, *Circuit Judges.*

Eight defendants appeal from judgments of conviction in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (Pollack, J.) following a jury trial on indictments charging them variously with violations of narcotics laws, 21 U.S.C. §§ 841, 844, 846 and 848, firearms offenses, 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(h) and 924(c) and RICO violations 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c) and (d). The principal issues raised are whether impanelling an anonymous jury destroys the presumption of innocence, whether

* Honorable Oscar H. Davis, Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, sitting by designation.

a canine sniff in an apartment house is a search, and whether three defendants received improper cumulative sentences for violations of 21 U.S.C. § 846 and 18 U.S.C. § 1962(d). Judge Newman concurs except as to part V, to which he dissents in a separate opinion. Judge Davis concurs, except as to part IIIA, to which he dissents separately.

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CARDAMONE, *Circuit Judge:*

Eight defendants appeal from their convictions in the Southern District of New York on January 12, 1984 following a six-week trial before United States District Judge Milton Pollack and a jury. All defendants were tried under a 15 count indictment that charged narcotics, firearm and RICO violations of the most serious sort. Four of the defendants received life sentences and the other four were sentenced to terms ranging from 20 to 51 years. The violations of law charged against the various defendants briefly described are:

21 U.S.C. § 846	—	conspiracy to violate narcotics laws
21 U.S.C. § 848	—	operating continuing criminal narcotics enterprises
21 U.S.C. § 841 (a)(1)	—	possession with intent to distribute and distributing heroin
21 U.S.C. § 844	—	unlawful possession of cocaine
18 U.S.C. § 922(h)	—	unlawful receipt of a firearm
18 U.S.C. § 924(c)	—	unlawfully carrying a firearm during the commission of a felony

18 U.S.C. § 1962(c) — substantive RICO crimes —drug trafficking, murder, attempted murder and conspiracy to commit murder

18 U.S.C. § 1962(d) — conspiracy to violate the racketeering laws.

18 U.S.C. § 241 — conspiracy to murder government witnesses.

The chart below identifies the statute violated and the count in the indictment on which the individual defendant was charged for that violation, whether the defendant was found guilty or not guilty, and the sentence he received.

INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS

Statutes Violated	Kenneth Thomas (Counts)	Guy T. Fisher (Counts)	Frank James (Counts)	Ishmael Muhammed (Counts)
21 U.S.C. § 846	(1) guilty	(1) guilty	(1) guilty	(1) guilty
21 U.S.C. § 848		(2) guilty	(3) guilty	(5) guilty
21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1)		(7) guilty	(8) guilty	
21 U.S.C. § 844			(9) guilty	
18 U.S.C. § 922(h)			(10) guilty	
18 U.S.C. § 1962(d)	(13) guilty	(13) guilty	(13) guilty	(13) guilty
18 U.S.C. § 1962(c)	(14) not guilty	(14) guilty	(14) guilty	(14) not guilty
18 U.S.C. § 241		(15) not guilty	(15) not guilty	(15) not guilty
Sentence	20 years $25,000 fine	Life $150,000 fine	Life $135,000 fine	Life $62,500 fine

INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS

Statutes Violated	Wallace Rice (Counts)	Thomas Forman (Counts)	James Wheelings (Counts)	Elmer Morris, Jr. (Counts)
21 U.S.C. § 846	(1) guilty	(1) guilty	(1) guilty	(1) guilty
21 U.S.C. § 848	(4) guilty	(6) not guilty		
21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1)	(8) guilty			(11) guilty
18 U.S.C. § 924(c)				(12) guilty
18 U.S.C. § 1962(d)	(13) guilty	(13) guilty	(13) guilty	(13) guilty
18 U.S.C. § 1962(c)	(14) guilty	(14) not guilty	(14) guilty	(14) guilty
18 U.S.C. § 241	(15) not guilty	(15) not guilty	(15) not guilty	(15) not guilty
Sentence	Life $125,000 fine	35 years $37,500 fine	50 years $50,000 fine	51 years $50,000 fine

Although a large number of issues are raised, only a few merit discussion.

I. FACTS

According to the proof at trial, all the defendants and several co-conspirators (including Leroy "Nicky" Barnes, James Fisher and Joseph Hayden) were associated in a huge narcotics ring run by a governing body called the "Council." In existence for 12 years—from 1972 to 1983—the Council purchased bulk quantities of pure heroin. Its members were Barnes, Hayden, James, Guy Fisher, Rice, Muhammed and Forman. The Council's purpose was to pool the members' resources, share narcotics sources, allocate sales territories, adjudicate disputes among members and handle the narcotics business

of jailed members. Each Council member had a separate narcotics business and employed subordinates to dilute and distribute the heroin in his territory. The Council also dealt in cocaine, PCP, and marijuana. Council members routinely approved the murders of those suspected of being potential witnesses against the Council or of people who had been insubordinate.

The three defendants who were not members of the Council—Wheelings, Morris and Thomas— were connected to the Council's business. Wheelings, along with Walter Centano who later was a government witness, was a member of the "crew" of "mill workers" in Guy Fisher's narcotics business, and eventually became Fisher's partner. Elmer Morris and Kenneth Thomas were also members of Fisher's "crew." Morris, a former Tuckahoe, New York police officer, was responsible for providing the Council with information about suspected police informants.

II. Anonymous Jury

A. *Impanelling The Jury*

Prior to trial the government moved that the voir dire be conducted without disclosing the names, addresses, or places of employment of prospective jurors. In support of its motion, the government submitted an affidavit of an Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) that requested that jurors be kept anonymous to protect them either from retaliation or the fear of retaliation. The affidavit stated that jurors might reasonably fear "harassment, retaliation or worse" from the defendants who, it was claimed, were responsible for the murder of several individuals that the Council believed were government witnesses. The affidavit asserted that the Council had

agreed to pay a million dollars for the murder of government witness Nicky Barnes. The government also cited the widespread notoriety the case had received and the serious charges the defendants faced, which left them "little to lose by tampering with witnesses or obstructing the trial." When papers in opposition to the motion were filed, the court heard oral argument. After argument, the government filed an additional affidavit from a different AUSA, which stated that Nicky Barnes had informed the affiant that defendant Guy Fisher had bribed a juror at a prior trial at which Fisher had obtained a hung jury. The affiant alleged that a reliable informant told him that Fisher had paid the juror $25,000 to obtain a hung jury and that Fisher had attempted to have witnesses killed. Fisher's counsel filed an answering affidavit that labelled the jury tampering allegations "hogwash," and requested a hearing on this issue, which was denied.

The district court later decided that the jury should be anonymous and sequestered, and on voir dire instructed prospective jurors not to reveal their names, addresses or places of business, although he did ask those from the Bronx and Manhattan what part of the county they were from. Judge Pollack explained to the jurors that he was keeping their identity anonymous to prevent media curiosity from interfering with their sworn duty to consider only the evidence when deciding the case.

B. *Impact on Presumption of Innocence*

Appellants claim that the impanelling of an anonymous jury deprived them of due process by destroying the presumption of innocence. They argue that the impanelling of an anonymous jury always and in all cases destroys that presumption and robs defendants of due process. Adoption of such a *per se* rule is rarely advisable in due process analysis.

Strictly speaking the "presumption of innocence" is not a presumption but an assumption that defendant is innocent of any unlawful conduct absent facts to the contrary. The phrase more accurately refers to the burden of proof cast upon the prosecution of producing evidence of defendant's guilt and then persuading the jury of that guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. McCormick's, *Law of Evidence* § 342, at 805-06 (2d ed. 1972). The concept cautions the jurors to put out of their minds "all the suspicion that arises from the arrest, the indictment, and the arraignment, and to reach their conclusion solely from the legal evidence adduced." 9 Wigmore, *Evidence* § 2511, at 407 (3d ed. 1940). The elementary principles that a shield of innocence surrounds a defendant on trial reaches back in history at least to early Roman law. *See Coffin* v. *United States*, 156 U.S. 432, 453-54 (1895). Recognition of this principle and its enforcement are part of the foundation of our system of criminal justice. A particular practice—here the impanelling of an anonymous jury—and its impact on the presumption of innocence must therefore receive close judicial scrutiny and be evaluated in the light of reason, principle and common sense. *Estelle* v. *Williams*, 425 U.S. 501, 504 (1976).

In *Illinois* v. *Allen*, 397 U.S. 337 (1970), the Supreme Court held that under extreme circumstances a defendant may be compelled to stand trial while gagged and shackled. *Id.* at 344. The Court recognized that "the sight of shackles and gags might have a significant effect on the jury's feelings about the defendant," *id.*, but nonetheless concluded that the practice "might possibly be the fairest and most reasonable way" to handle a very contumacious defendant. *Id.* In *Estelle* v. *Williams*, 425 U.S. 501, the Court explained that the physical restraints suggested

in *Allen* would be appropriate because of a substantial need. *Id.* at 505. The *Williams* Court observed that a state cannot compel an accused to wear jail clothing at trial because that practice furthers no state policy, *id.*, and burdens the presumption of innocence, which is "a basic component of a fair trial under our system of criminal justice." *Id.* at 503.

To find an anonymous jury unconstitutional in the circumstances of this case would contravene the plain implication of *United States* v. *Barnes*, 604 F.2d 121 (2d Cir. 1979), *cert. denied*, 446 U.S. 907 (1980), in which we upheld the practice. In *Barnes*, a massive narcotics trial similar to this one, the trial judge refused to question potential jurors about their names, residences or ethnic backgrounds. On appeal, defendants argued that the restrictions on voir dire denied defendants due process because they prevented an intelligent exercise of peremptory challenges. The *Barnes* majority recognized the need for sufficient information upon which to base the exercise of both peremptory challenges and challenges for cause. *Id.* at 142. Yet, it concluded that the jurors' demeanor and their responses to the questions posed regarding family, education and other matters would provide counsel with substantially the same insights into the jurors' views as would knowledge of their addresses and ethnic backgrounds. *Id.* On the peremptory challenge issue *Barnes* observed that the "law as to jury selection is not so unbending that it cannot . . . be accommodated to the realities of modern day trials in large narcotics cases which have created such problems for the courts in large cities." *Id.* at 142-143 (footnote omitted).

Although the *Barnes* majority focused its discussion on the jury selection issue, it implicitly found an anony-

mous jury constitutional. Responding to defendants' argument that jurors must publicly disclose their identities, the panel said that such "is not the law—and should not be." *Id.* at 140. Noting the risks posed by "multi-defendant narcotics cases tried in the Southern District," *id.* at 134, the *Barnes* court considered an anonymous jury a necessary precaution to save the jurors from a fear of retaliation that could affect their deliberations. *Id.* at 140-41.

This and other circuits, moreover, have upheld the practice of not revealing personal information about witnesses. *See United States* v. *Watson*, 599 F.2d 1149, 1157 (2d Cir.) (occupation of participant in Witness Protection Program concealed), *modified*, 690 F.2d 15 (2d Cir. 1979), *modified sub nom. United States* v. *Muse*, 633 F. 2d 1041 (2d Cir. 1980) (en banc), *cert. denied*, 450 U.S. 984 (1981); *United States* v. *Cavallaro*, 553 F.2d 300, 304 (2d Cir. 1977) (address of witness concealed); *United States* v. *Varella*, 692 F.2d 1352, 1355 (11th Cir. 1982) (upholding Government's objections during testimony to disclosure of names, addresses, and occupations of two government witnesses), *cert. denied*, 104 S. Ct. 127 (1983). Although most attacks on this practice have been on Sixth Amendment grounds, concealment of a witness's identity probably affects the jurors' opinion of a defendant, and thereby implicates Fifth Amendment due process, in much the same way as would a judge's instructions to jurors not to reveal *their* own names. We therefore conclude that although the presumption of innocence is of significant importance, and is protected by the due process clause of the Fifth Amendment, there is no *per se* rule that it may not be burdened.

Unlike having an accused wear jail garb, protection of jurors is vital to the functioning of the criminal justice

system. As a practical matter, we cannot expect jurors to "take their chances" on what might happen to them as a result of a guilty verdict. Obviously, explicit threats to jurors or their families or even a general fear of retaliation could well affect the jury's ability to render a fair and impartial verdict. Justice requires that when a serious threat to juror safety reasonably is found to exist, precautionary measures must be taken.

The circumstances of this case support the trial judge's decision to impanel an anonymous jury. The defendants were alleged to be very dangerous individuals engaged in large-scale organized crime who had participated in several "mob-style" killings. Charges in the indictment accused defendants of attempts to interfere with the judicial process by murdering government witnesses. The trial judge examined the specific facts of this case, received evidence and arguments, and determined that the jury deserved protection. He gave the jury an intelligent, reasonable and believable explanation for his actions that did not cast defendants in an unfavorable light. The significance of this reasoned explanation by the trial court is that it minimized the potential for prejudice to defendants.[1] Upon balancing the government's interest in safe-

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[1] Judge Pollack instructed the prospective jurors as follows:

Now, this should be a very interesting case. Undoubtedly, it could receive considerable publicity, newspaper, radio and television. The media and the public may be curious concerning the identity of the participants, the witnesses, the lawyers and the jurors. That curiosity and its resultant comments might come to the attention of the jury selected here and possibly impair its impartiality by viewpoints expressed, comments made, opinions, inquiries and so forth.

Now, such outside influences could tend to distort what goes on in court, the evidence, and be distracting and divert the attention of the jury, and it might result in people prying into personal affairs of the participants, including those selected as

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guarding jurors with the defendant's interest in avoiding erosion of the presumption of innocence, the scale in this case tips in the government's favor.

Nevertheless, we do not mean to say that the practice of impanelling an anonymous jury is constitutional in all cases. As should be clear from the above analysis, there must be, first, strong reason to believe that the jury needs protection and, second, reasonable precaution must be taken to minimize the effect that such a decision might

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jurors, who are selected only to judge the evidence in the case that can legally come before you, and thus to distort and distract attention from the case.

Consequently, taking into consideration all the circumstances, I have decided that in selecting those who will serve as the jury your name, your address and your place of employment will remain anonymous during the trial of this case, and that's the reason why you have been given numbers.

This will serve to ward off curiosity and seekers for information that might otherwise infringe on your privacy and it will aid in insulating and sheltering you from unwanted and undesirable publicity and embarrassment and notoriety and any access to you which would interfere with preserving your sworn duty to fairly, impartially and independently serve as jurors. It will permit the media complete freedom of coverage of this trial.

For similar reasons, the jurors ultimately selected will be sequestered and kept free from outside influence and apart from the trial of the case. They will be housed and fed at government expense in a desirable hotel facility, to be kept together, and have your meals and recreation facilities all at government expense, and to be transported to and from court each day by the marshals assigned for the purpose.

I know that this raises some thoughts about how one manages to go on this kind of vacation from your ordinary affairs. You would have your necessary changes of clothing arranged for and activities and contacts generally supervised by the marshals.

This duty and service of the highest obligation of citizenship should be an interesting and rewarding experience, to be looked back upon with interest and pleasant recollection by those who are privileged to be selected.

have on the jurors' opinions of the defendants. Here, there was strong evidence of defendants' past attempts to interfere with the judicial process, and defendants were alleged to be part of a group that possessed the means to harm jurors. The evidence before the trial court reasonably supported the trial judge's conclusion that precautionary measures were warranted; a trial within a trial to determine whether the alleged wrongdoing could be proven to have occurred was not required. Moreover, the explanation that jurors were not to reveal their names to protect them from the press substantially avoided any risk of aspersions on the defendants. Although advising jurors not to reveal their identities touches on sensitive individual rights, in this particular case the instruction accords with principle and common sense.

III. *The Search and Seizure Claims*

At trial the government presented the testimony of over 121 witnesses—seven of whom were accomplices, including Nicky Barnes and Walter Centano—evidence derived from nine undercover investigations conducted over a seven-year period, 27 audio and video recordings, the fruits of various searches over a nine-year period, including over 40 drug exhibits, and hundreds of business and narcotics records. Two of the searches that produced this evidence were of defendant Wheelings' apartment and of defendant Thomas' apartment.

Wheelings' Bronx apartment was searched pursuant to a warrant that authorized a search for "narcotics and financial records, quantities of heroin traces, and other evidence." The issuing magistrate found probable cause based on an affidavit furnished by a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agent. It was claimed that prob-

able cause existed in part because of a "canine sniff" outside Wheelings' apartment that indicated the presence of narcotics inside. The underlying affidavit also stated that Wheelings had been identified by a reliable informant as a narcotics dealer and the operator of several narcotics processing mills and that when arrested the previous day, he had quickly closed the door of his apartment behind him in a suspicious manner, indicating the existence inside of contraband. The search of Wheelings' apartment yielded papers pertaining to auto registration, insurance, taxes and the like. One bullet proof vest was found. No narcotics were discovered.

A. *Wheelings' Claim*

1. *Probable Cause From the Canine Sniff*

Defendant Wheelings claims that the evidence seized at his Bronx apartment should have been suppressed. He argues that the canine sniff, upon which the magistrate relied in part, was an illegal search and that therefore the search warrant was not based on untainted probable cause. We first address the claim that the canine sniff constituted an illegal search. The Fourth Amendment "protects people from unreasonable government intrusions into their legitimate expectations of privacy." *United States* v. *Chadwick*, 433 U.S. 1, 7 (1977). Canine sniffs are recognized as being less intrusive than a typical search used to determine the presence of contraband, and the practice of using trained dogs to sniff baggage at airports has been held not to constitute a search. *See United States* v. *Place*, 103 S. Ct. 2637, 2644-45 (1983); *United States* v. *Waltzer*, 682 F.2d 370, 373 (2d Cir. 1982), *cert. denied*, 103 S. Ct. 3543 (1983); *United States* v. *Bronstein*, 521 F.2d 459, 463 (2d Cir. 1975), *cert. denied*, 424 U.S. 918 (1976).

It is one thing to say that a sniff in an airport is not a search, but quite another to say that a sniff can *never* be a search. The question always to be asked is whether the use of a trained dog intrudes on a legitimate expectation of privacy. *See Katz* v. *United States*, 389 U.S. 347 (1967). While one generally has an expectation of privacy in the contents of personal luggage, this expectation is much diminished when the luggage is in the custody of an air carrier at a public airport.

We have recognized the heightened privacy interest that an individual has in his dwelling place. For example, in *United States* v. *Taborda*, 635 F.2d 131 (2d Cir. 1980), we found that police use of a telescope to identify objects or activities unable to be identified without it was a "search" and that, absent a search warrant, the observations could not form the basis for the issuance of a warrant. *Id.* at 139-40. We stated that "[t]he very fact that a person is in his own home raises a reasonable inference that he intends to have privacy, and if that inference is borne out by his actions, society is prepared to respect his privacy." *Id.* at 138; *see also United States* v. *Bonfiglio*, 713 F.2d 932, 937 (2d Cir. 1983) ("it was not the enhancement of the senses *per se* that was held unlawful in *Taborda*, but the warrantless invasion of the right to privacy in the home"). In *United States* v. *Knotts*, 103 S. Ct. 1081 (1983), the Supreme Court recently held that police use of an electronic "beeper" to track the defendants movements was not a "search" within the contemplation of the Fourth Amendment. *Id.* at 1087. But the Court specifically found that the police had not used the beeper to track defendant's activities within his home, so that the "traditional expectation of privacy within a dwelling place," *id.* at 1085, was undisturbed.

Thus, a practice that is not intrusive in a public airport may be intrusive when employed at a person's home. Although using a dog sniff for narcotics may be discriminating and unoffensive relative to other detection methods, and will disclose only the presence or absence of narcotics, *see United States* v. *Place*, 103 S. Ct. at 2644, it remains a way of detecting the contents of a private, enclosed space. With a trained dog police may obtain information about what is inside a dwelling that they could not derive from the use of their own senses. Consequently, the officers' use of a dog is not a mere improvement of their sense of smell, as ordinary eyeglasses improve vision, but is a significant enhancement accomplished by a different, and far superior, sensory instrument. Here the defendant had a legitimate expectation that the contents of his closed apartment would remain private, that they could not be "sensed" from outside his door. Use of the trained dog impermissibly intruded on that legitimate expectation. The Supreme Court in *Place* found only "that the particular course of investigation that the agents intended to pursue here—exposure of respondent's luggage, which was located in a public place, to a trained canine—did not constitute a 'search' within the meaning of the Fourth Amendment." *Place*, 103 S. Ct. at 2644-45. Because of defendant Wheelings' heightened expectation of privacy inside his dwelling, the canine sniff at his door constituted a search. As the agent had no warrant, the search violated the Fourth Amendment. Hence, we conclude that the information gathered from the dog's alert may not properly be used to support the issuance of the search warrant of Wheelings' apartment.

2. *Probable Cause Without the Canine Sniff*

To have the evidence seized pursuant to the search warrant suppressed, Wheelings must further show that

there was not a sufficient residue of probable cause to support the warrant, without considering the improper sniff, and that the agent who conducted the search did not reasonably rely on the warrant. *See United States* v. *Leon*, 104 S. Ct. 3405 (1984).

In addition to the positive sniff, the affidavit before the magistrate included the following information about defendant Wheelings: (1) upon being notified that DEA agents were there to arrest him, Wheelings quickly slipped through his apartment door and closed it so that the agents had no chance to enter; (2) a confidential informant whose reliability was established and much of whose information was corroborated, observed Wheelings processing and repackaging heroin between September and October of 1976; (3) this same informant also observed heroin being processed and repackaged for distribution between June and December of 1980 in a "mill" that was controlled by Wheelings and Walter Centano; (4) the informant personally observed another heroin mill in operation for four months in early 1981 and stated that Wheelings also jointly controlled this mill; (5) another agent stated in an affidavit: "Based on the information set forth in Exhibit B hereto [informant's information] indicating that Wheelings is a major heroin dealer, there is probable cause to believe that narcotics are presently being secreted in the apartment." The agent further stated, based on his 13 years experience as a DEA agent, that the premises described, including Wheelings' apartment, were occupied by high-ranking members of a massive narcotics organization, and that such narcotics traffickers invariably maintained financial records and other evidence of their narcotics trafficking at their residence.

Probable cause to believe certain items will be found in a specific location is a "practical, nontechnical conception," *see Brinegar* v. *United States*, 338 U.S. 160, 176 (1949), that need not be based on direct, first-hand, or "hard" evidence. Nonetheless, there must be enough evidence reasonably to believe that evidence of illegal activity will be present at the specific time and place of the search. *See Sgro* v. *United States*, 287 U.S. 206, 210-11 (1932) ("[I]t is manifest that the proof must be of facts so closely related to the time of the issue of the warrant as to justify a finding of probable cause at that time"); *United States* v. *Beltempo*, 675 F.2d 472, 478 (2d Cir.), *cert. denied*, 457 U.S. 1135 (1982) ("The inquiry with respect to probable cause in the case of an observation of an isolated incident should focus on all of the relevant circumstances, including the element of time lapse"). Here, the informant did not say that any of the illegal activity that he observed had taken place at Wheelings' apartment. Nor did he indicate that there was a heroin mill in operation at the time the search warrant was issued. The warrant to search Wheelings' apartment was issued on March 10, 1983 and the most recent heroin operation with which the informant connected Wheelings was in the first four months of 1981. Thus, the evidence before the magistrate of Wheelings' participation in illegal activity was two years old. Even though courts should avoid "[a]dopting an arbitrary 'cut-off' expressed in days or weeks beyond which probable cause ceases to exist," *Beltempo*, 675 F.2d at 478, two-year-old evidence of participation in a heroin mill, *not* at the dwelling to be searched, is stale and cannot support a search warrant. Wheelings' suspicious entry into his apartment is not enough alone to establish probable cause to search that apartment without some evidence that he was involved in illegal activity at that time.

A determination of whether probable cause existed must be made by us independently, as the deference usually accorded to a magistrate's finding of probable cause, *see Spinelli* v. *United States*, 393 U.S. 410, 419 (1969); *United States* v. *Travisano*, 724 F.2d 341, 345 (2d Cir. 1983), is not appropriate when the magistrate relied in part on improper information. We cannot find that the "totality of the circumstances," *Illinois* v. *Gates*, 103 S. Ct. 2317, 2328 (1983)—apart from the dog's alert—provided a sufficient basis for the issuance of a search warrant.

This does not end our inquiry. We must consider whether the agent who conducted the search acted in good faith reliance on the search warrant. The Supreme Court recently stated in *United States* v. *Leon*:

> [A]ssuming that the [exclusionary] rule effectively deters some police misconduct and provides incentives for the law enforcement profession as a whole to conduct itself in accord with the Fourth Amendment, it cannot be expected, and should not be applied, to deter objectively reasonable law enforcement activity.

104 S. Ct. at 3419. The DEA agent brought his evidence, including the positive "alert" from the canine, to a neutral and detached magistrate. That magistrate determined that probable cause to search existed, and issued a search warrant. There is nothing more the officer could have or should have done under these circumstances to be sure his search would be legal. The magistrate, whose duty it is to interpret the law, determined that the canine sniff could form the basis for probable cause; it was reasonable for the officer to rely on this determination. The *Leon* Court announced a "good faith" exception to the exclusionary rule, and we find that the

exception applies to this case. Thus, the district court correctly refused to suppress the evidence seized at defendant Wheelings' apartment.

B. *Thomas' Claim*

In March 1976 Kenneth Thomas was arrested in the hall outside of his apartment by four police officers with drawn guns. The police then searched Thomas' apartment and discovered large quantities of cash and a briefcase containing several hundred rounds of ammunition. The government claims the warrantless search was proper because it was incident to an arrest, Thomas consented, and it was justified by exigent circumstances. The government also claims, and the trial judge found, that Thomas waived his right to move to suppress this evidence because he did not move for such relief before trial. Thomas claims that he did not make such a motion prior to trial because prior to the cross-examination of one of the arresting officers there was no evidence available to defense counsel on which to base an application to suppress. Appellant claims that he was unable to remember the details of his seven-year-old arrest and that prior to hearing the arresting officer's testimony he believed he had been arrested inside his apartment.

Motions to suppress are governed by Fed. R. Crim. P. 12(b) and 12(f). Rule 12(b)(3) requires counsel to raise motions to suppress *before* trial. According to Rule 12(f), failure timely to raise defenses, objections, or requests that must be made before trial constitutes their waiver. Relief from waiver may be granted in the sound discretion of the trial judge. *See United States* v. *Mauro*, 507 F.2d 802, 805-07 (2d Cir.), *cert. denied*, 420 U.S. 991 (1975). Judge Pollack's refusal to grant Thomas

relief from his waiver was not an abuse of discretion. Thomas knew that the search was warrantless and had arguably gone beyond that allowed incident to arrest (not all items seized were in plain view). The trial court could have found that Thomas had enough information before trial upon which to base an objection to admission of the evidence. Judge Pollack might also have properly reasoned that Thomas should have sought information about the search prior to trial, instead of waiting to cross-examine the arresting officer. For these reasons we decline to disturb the denial of Thomas' motion to suppress.

IV. *Trial Conducted on Muhammed's Sabbath Day*

Ishmael Muhammed claims that the district court's decision to conduct trial on Fridays violated his First Amendment right to the free exercise of religion. Muhammed—a Muslim, who observes his Sabbath from sundown on Thursday to sundown on Friday—requested that his trial not be conducted on Fridays. In a memorandum opinion dated October 4, 1983 Judge Pollack denied that request. *See United States* v. *Fisher*, 571 F. Supp. 1236 (S.D.N.Y. 1983). Muhammed did not appeal this decision, and attended the Friday sessions of his trial. As the trial is complete, reversal of his conviction would not remedy the claimed infringement of defendant's rights and this issue is therefore inappropriately raised on this appeal.

The time for Muhammed to have appealed the decision to hold trial on Fridays was immediately after the trial court entered its order. Although, as the Supreme Court recently stated in *Flanagan* v. *United States*, 104 S. Ct. 1051 (1984), the "collateral order" exception to the

final judgment rule is very narrow, *id.* at 1055, that exception would allow an appeal on an issue such as this. For an interlocutory order of a trial court to be reviewable it must satisfy three conditions: it must "conclusively determine the disputed question, resolve an important issue completely separate from the merits of the action, and be effectively unreviewable on appeal from a final judgment." *Coopers & Lybrand* v. *Livesay*, 437 U.S. 463, 468 (1978) (footnote omitted). Judge Pollack's order conclusively determined that trial would be held on the defendant's sabbath. The question of this practice's interference with Muhammed's First Amendment rights was completely separate from the merits of the criminal trial. And, as noted, since there is no relief that this Court may grant upon appeal of Muhammed's criminal conviction that would protect his claimed right not to have the trial that he attended held on Fridays, the matter is effectively unreviewable on appeal from a final judgment. *See State of New Jersey* v. *Chesimard*, 555 F.2d 63, 78 (3d Cir. 1977) (en banc) (Gibbons, J., dissenting) ("If the free exercise right in question is lost *pendente lite* it is lost for all time"). Therefore, Muhammed should have taken a collateral appeal from the district court's order of October 4, 1983. There is nothing that we can do now.

V. *Cumulative Sentences*

Appellants Wheelings, Forman and Morris all argue that the trial judge erred by imposing cumulative sentences for their convictions. Wheelings was convicted under 21 U.S.C. § 846 for conspiring to violate the narcotics laws, under 18 U.S.C. § 1962(d) for conspiring to violate the Racketeering laws, and under 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c) for operating a Racketeering enterprise. He was sentenced respectively to 15 years and a $25,000 fine,

15 years and a $12,500 fine and 20 years and a $12,500 fine, all sentences to run consecutively (50 years) and a total fine of $50,000. Forman was also convicted of violating both § 846 and § 1962(d). He was sentenced respectively to 15 years and $25,000 and 20 years and $12,500, the sentences to run consecutively and a total fine of $37,500. Morris was convicted of violating § 846 and was sentenced to 15 years to run concurrently with a 15-year sentence for violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), a heroin distribution charge. Those concurrent sentences were to run consecutively with a one-year sentence for violation of 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(2), a firearms offense, a 15-year sentence for violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(d), and a 20-year sentence for violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c). Morris' total sentence was for 51 years. Morris was also fined $25,000 for each of the first two convictions, but those fines were combined to total only $25,000. A $12,500 fine was added for the RICO conspiracy conviction and a $12,500 fine for operating a racketeering enterprise. Total fines were $50,000.

Wheelings' and Morris' argument against the cumulative sentences for 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c) and (d) is without merit. Recently in *United States* v. *Bagaric*, 706 F. 2d 42 (2d Cir.), *cert. denied*, 104 S. Ct. 133 (1983), we held that "the plain language and different elements of § 1962(c) and § 1962(d), combined with the absence of evidence of a contrary legislative intention, support the imposition of consecutive sentences for violation of both subsections." *Id.* at 63-64 n.18 (citations omitted). The more difficult question is whether cumulative sentencing is appropriate for violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(d) and 21 U.S.C. § 846. We find that it is.

Cumulative punishment is forbidden if Congress did not aim to punish each statutory violation separately. *See*

Albernaz v. *United States*, 450 U.S. 333, 338-340 (1981); *see also Jeffers* v. *United States*, 432 U.S. 137, 155-58 (1977) (Congress did not intend to punish violations of 21 U.S.C. § 848 and 21 U.S.C. § 846 separately, therefore cumulative punishment for the two offenses was inappropriate). In *United States* v. *Barton*, 647 F.2d 224 (2d Cir.), *cert. denied*, 454 U.S. 857 (1981), we held that Congress did intend to allow cumulative punishment for violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(d), the RICO conspiracy section, and 18 U.S.C. § 371, the general conspiracy section. We explained in *Barton* that "Congress's express purpose in enacting the Organized Crime Control Act, of which RICO was Title IX . . . was to provide *increased* penalties for racketeering activity." 647 F.2d at 237 (emphasis in original). Therefore, "[t]o hold that cumulative sentences could not be imposed [for violations of § 371 and § 1962(d)] would plainly defeat Congress's intention to enhance the penalties imposed on those who conspire to engage in racketeering." *Id.* at 238.

The same analysis applies to 21 U.S.C. § 846, the section on conspiracy to violate narcotics laws. The Report of the House of Representatives Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee on the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970 states that "[t]he illegal traffic in drugs should be attacked with the full power of the Federal Government. The price for participation in this traffic should be prohibitive. It should be made too dangerous to be attractive." H.R. Rep. No. 1444, 91st Cong., 2d Sess. 116, *reprinted* in 1970 U.S. Code Cong. & Ad. News 4566, 4575. Thus, Congress intended to impose more severe penalties on those who conspire to violate narcotics laws. Although it is clear that both 18 U.S.C. § 1962(d) and 21 U.S.C. § 846 are intended to enhance the penalties for violation of the general con-

spiracy provision found in 18 U.S.C. § 371, it can be argued that it stretches matters too far to allow these already increased punishments to enhance *each other*, and that Congress could not have intended such a result.

To determine whether it was the aim of Congress to have multiple punishments for conduct that violates two statutory provisions, we first look to the language of the provisions. "If the offenses charged are set forth in different statutes or in distinct sections of a statute, and each section unambiguously authorizes punishment for a violation of its terms, it is ordinarily to be inferred that Congress intended to authorize punishment under each provision." *United States* v. *Marrale*, 695 F.2d 658, 662 (2d Cir. 1982), *cert. denied*, 103 S. Ct. 1434 (1983). Here, the two sections are in separate statutes and are intended to deter two different kinds of activity: racketeering on the one hand and narcotics violations on the other. Each statute unequivocally authorizes punishment for violation of its conspiracy provisions, that is, 18 U.S.C. § 1963(a) provides a maximum fine of $25,000 and a maximum sentence of 20 years for violation of any provision of § 1962 (the conspiracy section of RICO), and 21 U.S.C. § 846 provides for punishment not to "exceed the maximum punishment prescribed for the offense, the commission of which was the object of the attempt or conspiracy."

In order to ascertain whether the offenses in question are in fact separate, *see Albernaz*, 450 U.S. at 337-39 (1981); *Marrale*, 695 F.2d at 662, we turn to the test set forth in *Blockburger* v. *United States*, 284 U.S. 299 (1932):

> The applicable rule is that where the same act or transaction constitutes a violation of two distinct

> statutory provisions, the test to be applied to determine whether there are two offenses or only one, is whether each provision requires proof of a fact which the other does not.

Id. at 304. As it is Congressional purpose that we are analyzing, it is necessary to examine the statutory language in general, not the specific allegations made in this case. *See Iannelli* v. *United States*, 420 U.S. 770, 785 n. 17 (1975). A Section 1962(d) conspiracy requires proof of the existence of an "enterprise" engaged in a "pattern of racketeering activity"; a Section 846 conspiracy does not. Section 846 requires proof of a narcotics related conspiracy; a RICO conspiracy charge is satisfied by proof of an agreement to commit a felony, no proof of conspiracy to commit narcotics violations is necessary. Thus, each offense requires proof of a fact that the other does not, and the *Blockburger* test is satisfied. *See also United States* v. *Solano*, 605 F.2d 1141, 1145 (9th Cir. 1979), *cert. denied*, 444 U.S. 1020 (1980) (denying motion to dismiss RICO conspiracy charge that involved a drug conspiracy on which defendant was previously convicted on grounds that RICO conspiracy and § 846 conspiracy are separate offenses). From this we conclude that it was Congress' purpose to impose multiple punishment for these two separate offenses.

Finally, we look to the legislative history to see if there is any indication to the contrary. "If the legislative history either reveals an intent to authorize cumulation of punishments or is silent on the subject, the court should conclude that Congress intended to authorize multiple punishments." *Marrale*, 695 F.2d at 662. An examination of the legislative histories of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(d) and 21 U.S.C. § 846 reveals that nothing was said concerning the relationship between the two sections. In light of the

separateness of the offenses under *Blockburger* and the lack of legislative history suggesting a contrary purpose, we find that cumulative punishments for those convicted of a § 846 narcotics conspiracy and a § 1962(d) RICO conspiracy is proper.

VI. Conclusion

Accordingly, the judgments appealed from are affirmed.

Jon O. Newman, *Circuit Judge*, concurring in part and dissenting in part:

I concur in all of Judge Cardamone's well-reasoned opinion affirming the convictions and the sentences, except that portion that upholds the imposition of cumulative sentences upon appellants Forman, Morris, and Wheelings for a narcotics conspiracy in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 846 (Count 1) and a RICO conspiracy in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(d) (Count 13). As the following analysis endeavors to show, the narcotics conspiracy alleged in the indictment was a lesser included offense within the RICO conspiracy. I therefore respectfully dissent from that portion of the judgment upholding the cumulative sentences of these appellants on Counts 1 and 13 because, even assuming that Congress has the power to authorize cumulative punishments for greater and lesser included offienses, I see no basis for thinking it has done so in the circumstances of this case.

I start, like the majority, by inquiring whether the section 846 narcotics conspiracy and the section 1962(d) RICO conspiracy are separate offenses. And I agree that the test to be applied, in the familiar language of *Block-*

burger v. *United States*, 284 U.S. 299, 304 (1932), is "whether each provision requires proof of a fact which the other does not." But as the Ninth Circuit has cautioned, "Although such a test appears easily applicable to most cases involving double jeopardy claims, it is not easily applied to complex conspiracy prosecutions." *United States* v. *Solano*, 605 F.2d 1141, 1144 (9th Cir. 1979), *cert. denied*, 444 U.S. 1020 (1980).

Before applying the *Blockburger* "test" to sections 846 and 1962(d), it is important to recall the circumstances of that case, lest we commit the error of enlisting a venerable precedent into service it was not designed to perform. The provisions involved in *Blockburger* were sections 1 and 2 of the Harrison Narcotic Act, ch. 1, 38 Stat. 785, 786 (1914), *amended by* ch. 18, § 1006, 40 Stat. 1057, 1131 (1919) (successor statute repealed 1970), which made it a crime to distribute narcotics "except in the original stamped package" (§ 1) and "except in pursuance of a written order" (§ 2). A distribution in the absence of the original stamped package and a distribution in the absence of a written order form were the only two activities prohibited by these provisions. In that context it is perfectly clear how the Court could so readily conclude that each provision required proof of a fact that the other provision did not.

There can be no doubt that section 1962(d) requires proof of a fact not required for conviction under section 846—namely, the existence of an "enterprise" engaged in a "pattern of racketeering activity," *see* 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c) (defining the substantive offense that section 1962(d) punishes a conspiracy to commit). However, when we inquire whether section 846 requires proof of a fact not required for conviction under section 1962(d),

we must be careful to recognize that section 1962(d), unlike the narrow provisions involved in *Blockburger*, punishes a wide variety of diverse conduct. The range results from the assortment of criminal acts comprehended in the definition of "racketeering activity" in section 1961(1), two acts of which are required to constitute the "pattern of racketeering activity" defined in section 1961(5) and required for conviction of a RICO offense. There are many provisions in the definitional section of RICO that specify facts not required for conviction under section 846. The Government has artfully selected a very good example, the provision of section 1961(1)(A) that defines "racketeering activity" to include murder in violation of state law, when it argues that "while proof of an agreement to commit at least two predicate acts—*e.g.* murder—suffices to establish the 'pattern of racketeering activity' required under section 1962(d), proof of such acts was neither necessary, nor would it have sufficed to prove a section 846 narcotics conspiracy." Brief for Appellee at 149.

However, another provision of the definitional section specifies a fact that *is* required for conviction under section 846: Section 1961(1)(D) includes a provision that defines racketeering activity as "dealing in narcotic or other dangerous drugs, punishable under any law of the United States." When *that* provision is invoked to punish racketeering activity charged as an object of a conspiracy in violation of section 1962(d), then a conspiracy in violation of section 846 might not be a separate offense. On the contrary, it might well be a lesser included offense, depending on the circumstances of a particular case, since the agreement, the objective of dealing in narcotics, and the wrongful intent, all of which are required for conviction under section 846, are

also required for conviction of a section 1962(d) conspiracy that has as its object a pattern of racketeering activity as defined in the "narcotics dealing" provision of section 1961(1)(D).

The issue would be in sharp focus if section 1962(d), instead of being a single provision, were divided into a series of separately numbered provisions, each corresponding to the various acts of racketeering activity included in the broad definition in section 1961(1). In that event, the "provision" punishing a RICO conspiracy to distribute narcotics would obviously include the offense punished by section 846. But it should be just as obvious that application of the *Blockburger* test cannot turn on whether provisions of a statute are separately numbered or, as in the case of section 1962(d), collected under one number in a provision that incorporates many provisions contained elsewhere, such as the definitional provisions in section 1961(1).

Thus far, I have tried to demonstrate only that a section 846 narcotics conspiracy can be a lesser included offense within a section 1962(d) RICO conspiracy to commit racketeering activity defined in section 1961(1)(D) to include dealing in narcotics. Whether the section 846 conspiracy alleged in this case is lesser included within the section 1962(d) conspiracy requires further consideration. The majority maintains that the *Blockburger* test is to be applied solely by analyzing "the statutory language in general, not the specific allegations made in this case." Slip op. 2511-12. Reliance is placed on footnote 17 in *Iannelli* v. *United States*, 420 U.S. 770, 785 n.17 (1975), presumably the language stating, "As *Blockburger* and other decisions applying its principle reveal, . . . the Court's application of the test focuses on the statutory elements of the offense." *Id.* (citations omitted). I think

that further analysis will demonstrate that the *Iannelli* footnote, in referring to the "focus[ ]" of the inquiry, is describing how the first step in applying the *Blockburger* test should be taken, not how the test is finally to be applied in all cases.

In *Blockburger*, focusing on the elements of the offense was the beginning and, properly, the end of the inquiry. Each of the narrowly drawn provisions in that case always required proof of a fact that the other did not; therefore, further consideration of the allegations in the particular case was unnecessary to conclude that separate offenses were inevitably present. However, the Supreme Court has specifically recognized that, where a statutory offense that can be committed in a variety of ways is claimed to be the same as some other statutory offense, the *Blockburger* test cannot be applied only by analyzing the statutory elements but requires further consideration of the precise allegations. In *Brown* v. *Ohio*, 432 U.S. 161 (1977), the Court favorably recalled its earlier discussion in *In re Nielsen*, 131 U.S. 176, 190 (1889), especially the passage approving a New Jersey Supreme Court decision that had held that "a conviction for arson barred a subsequent felony-murder indictment based on the death of a man killed in the fire." *Brown* v. *Ohio*, *supra*, 432 U.S. at 168 (citing *State* v. *Cooper*, 13 N.J.L. 361 (1833)). The felony-murder statute could have been violated by a variety of conduct other than arson. If only the elements of the offenses had been compared, there would have been different offenses for purposes of double jeopardy, since the arson statute required an element not required for felony murder. But in the New Jersey case the felony-murder offense included the arson offense because the particular felony-murder offense alleged was the arson that resulted in the victim's death.

The sweep of the felony-murder statute, like the sweep of the RICO statute, required more than analysis of the statutory elements; it required analysis of the specific allegations in the case.

We followed the same approach in *United States* v. *Barton*, 647 F.2d 224 (2d Cir.), *cert. denied*, 454 U.S. 857 (1981). In examining whether separate offenses were defined by the general conspiracy statute, 18 U.S.C. § 371, and the RICO conspiracy statute, 18 U.S.C. § 1962(d), we began by noticing some obvious differences between the statutes: Section 1962(d), but not section 371, requires, as an object of the conspiracy, a pattern of racketeering activity; section 371, but not section 1962(d), requires proof of an overt act. *Id.* at 236-37. However, rather than end the analysis at that point, we went on to point out the difference between the allegations made in that case: The section 371 conspiracy was an agreement to possess explosive devices; the section 1962(d) conspiracy was an agreement to threaten arson and murder. *Id.* at 237. I do not agree wtih the majority when it reads *Barton*, which I joined, to hold that cumulative punishments may be imposed for section 371 and section 1962(d) conspiracies, without regard to the particular allegations involved. We upheld cumulative penalties in *Barton*, because, as we said, we were "convinced that § 371 and § 1962(d) created—*and Counts One and Thirteen charged*—two separate offenses." *Id.* at 237 (emphasis added). Nothing in *Barton* suggested that cumulative penalties could have been imposed if the section 371 conspiracy had been a lesser included offense within the RICO conspiracy.

Similarly, in *United States* v. *Solano*, *supra*, in permitting trial to proceed on a count charging a violation

of section 1962(d), despite a prior conviction for violating section 846, the Ninth Circuit merely held that a subsequent prosecution for violating section 1962(d) was not necessarily barred by the Double Jeopardy Clause, especially in light of the Government's claim that its proof would show a RICO conspiracy that differed significantly from the narcotics conspiracy. 605 F.2d at 1144. But the Ninth Circuit emphasized that a final decision on the merits of the jeopardy claim could not be made until the trial unfolded and that the defendant would be free to renew his jeopardy claim if convicted on the RICO count. *Id.* at 1145.

Thus, in this case we cannot simply compare the statutes, but we must also examine the allegations made and proved. Count 13 charged the defendants, including Forman, Morris, and Wheelings, with a RICO conspiracy, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere from 1972 until the date of the indictment, March 17, 1983, that had as its object "making money in illegal trafficking in narcotics and other dangerous drugs." Also pertinent are the predicate crimes constituting the acts of racketeering activity in which each defendant was accused of participating, since "to convict on a RICO conspiracy [the prosecution] must prove that defendant himself at least agreed to commit two or more predicate crimes." *United States* v. *Ruggiero*, 726 F.2d 913, 921 (2d Cir.), *cert. denied*, 105 S. Ct. 118 (1984). The predicate crimes alleged against Forman, Morris, and Wheelings were several narcotics transactions and several actual or attempted murders. Count1 charged the defendants, including Forman, Morris, and Wheelings, with a section 846 conspiracy, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere from January 1, 1972, until the date of the indictment, that had as its object the distribution of

heroin and cocaine. Of the 32 acts of racketeering alleged against either Forman, Morris, or Wheelings in the RICO conspiracy, 27 were alleged against them as overt acts in furtherance of the section 846 conspiracy—17 narcotics transactions and 10 actual or attempted murders.

Thus, there was not simply "a substantial overlap in the proof," *Iannelli* v. *United States*, *supra*, 420 U.S. at 785 n.17, but virtual identity of the allegations of Counts 1 and 13, and also of the proof presented to secure convictions on these counts. Nor is this a situation like that in *Albernaz* v. *United States*, 450 U.S. 333 (1981), where a single criminal agreement warranted cumulative sentences because the agreement had two distinct objectives, marijuana distribution and marijuana importation, and a conspiracy to achieve each objective violated separate statutes, 21 U.S.C. § 846 (1976) and 21 U.S.C. § 963 (1976). The conspiracies alleged in this case in Counts 1 and 13 did not have distinct objectives; the object of each was dealing in narcotics. The RICO conspiracy had a slightly larger objective than the section 846 conspiracy only because the RICO conspiracy alleged a pattern of racketeering activity and the section 846 conspiracy did not. However, and this is the critical point, the section 846 conspiracy alleged in Count 1 did not require proof of any fact that was not required to be proven to establish the RICO conspiracy alleged in Count 13. Neither the Government's brief nor the majority's opinion even purports to identify any additional fact required to convict on Count 1 but not on Count 13. I therefore conclude that in this case the section 846 conspiracy is a lesser included offense within the section 1962(d) conspiracy.

Since Forman, Morris, and Wheelings were convicted of greater and lesser included offenses, I must consider

whether Congress has authorized cumulative punishments for such offenses when they are committed in violation of section 846 and 1962(d). Though I find no decision upholding the authority of Congress to impose cumulative punishments for greater and lesser included offenses, I recognize the possibility that the Supreme Court's statement in *Albernaz* v. *United States, supra,* 450 U.S. at 344 (footnote omitted)—"Where Congress intended . . . to impose multiple punishments, imposition of such sentences does not violate the Constitution"—may extend even to imposition of multiple punishments for greater and lesser included offenses. *But see Jeffers* v. *United States,* 432 U.S. 137, 155 (1977) (plurality opinion) ("If some possibility exists that the two statutory offenses are the 'same offense' for double jeopardy purposes, however, it is necessary to examine the problem closely, in order to avoid constitutional multiple-punishment difficulties.")

As a matter of plausible intention, it can be argued that the Congress that intended to increase the maximum penalty for a RICO conspiracy from the five years that would have been available under the general conspiracy statute, 18 U.S.C. § 371, to the twenty years authorized by 18 U.S.C. § 1963 would not have been distressed to see that twenty-year maximum added on to whatever penalty is authorized for an offense that is lesser included within the RICO conspiracy. On the other hand, though that Congress intended to authorize an enhanced penalty for a RICO conspiracy, it obviously did not go nearly as far as it might have when it set the maximum penalty at twenty years. And that Congress understood that a RICO conspiracy, like the one charged in Count 13 in this case, could involve murder, a state offense specifically listed in the definition of racketeering activity, 18 U.S.C. § 1961 (1)(A). Congress has also made clear that it wants

heavy penalties authorized for narcotics activity, but that sentiment alone does not justify an inference that Congress intended to authorize cumulative penalties for a RICO narcotics conspiracy and a lesser included non-RICO narcotics conspiracy. For organized narcotics activity, Congress has already enhanced the penalty for conspiracy from the five years authorized by 18 U.S.C. § 371 to the fifteen years authorized by 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(b)(1)(A), 846 and to the thirty years for a second offender, *id.*, and also provided a maximum sentence of life imprisonment for those convicted of engaging in a continuing criminal narcotics enterprise, 21 U.S.C. § 848(a)(1). While this array of penalties demonstrates that Congress is intent on authorizing substantial penalties, it also indicates that Congress has been precise in setting different maximums for different degrees of involvement in narcotics activity. The precision of the Congressional scheme would be distorted if cumulative penalties could be imposed whenever a section 846 narcotics conspiracy is a lesser included offense within a RICO narcotics conspiracy.

For these reasons, I conclude that it was impermissible to impose cumulative sentences upon Forman, Morris, and Wheelings with respect to Counts 1 and 13. I would vacate the sentences of these defendants on these counts and remand to permit Judge Pollack to impose an appropriate sentence on Count 13, the greater of the two offenses, up to the maximum of 20 years imprisonment and a fine of $25,000. *See McClain* v. *United States*, 643 F.2d 911 (2d Cir.) (remand for resentencing when less than maximum sentence imposed and sentence on another count improperly added), *cert. denied*, 452 U.S. 919 (1981). It is obviously not sympathy for these defendants, who have committed outrageous crimes, that prompts me to dissent on this aspect of the case. I do so only

because even the most heinous criminals may not be sentenced beyond the limits of the law.

DAVIS, *Circuit Judge*, concurring in part and dissenting in part:

I concur in all of Judge Cardamone's opinion except that I do not agree with the strong implication (if not outright statement) that a canine sniff outside a dwelling can *never* be considered by a magistrate in support of a proposed search warrant. In this instance I fully agree that the magistrate should not have taken account of the sniff (in support of the requested warrant) because the other evidence of probable cause was far too thin or too stale. But I can envisage other circumstances in which a sniff might well be considered by the magistrate—along with other, stronger evidence of probable cause—and I would leave that problem open.

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether prohibiting petitioners from questioning prospective jurors on voir dire about their names, addresses, and places of employment violated petitioners' due process rights.

2. Whether the co-conspirator exception to the hearsay rule applies when the conspiracy alleged is a conspiracy to violate the racketeering laws.

3. Whether the imposition of consecutive sentences for violation of the racketeering laws, conspiracy to violate the racketeering laws, and conspiracy to violate the narcotics laws violated the Double Jeopardy Clause.

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OPINION BELOW

The opinion of the court of appeals (84-1778 Pet. App. A1-A37) is reported at 757 F.2d 1359.

JURISDICTION

The judgment of the court of appeals was entered on March 11, 1985. Petitioner Wheelings' petition for rehearing was denied on April 25, 1985. Petitioner Fisher's petition–for a writ of certiorari (No. 84-1778) was filed on May 10, 1985. The petition for a writ of certiorari for petitioner Wheelings (No. 84-6972) was not filed until June 27, 1985, and is therefore out of time under Rule 20.1 of the Rules of this Court. The jurisdiction of this Court is invoked under 28 U.S.C. 1254(1).

STATEMENT

Following a jury trial in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, petitioners were convicted of conspiracy to violate the narcotics laws, in violation of 21 U.S.C. 846 (Count 1), participating in the affairs of an enterprise through a pattern of racketeering, in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1962(c) (Count 14), and conspiracy to commit that offense, in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1962(d) (Count 13).[1] In addition, petitioner Fisher was convicted of operating a continuing criminal enterprise, in violation of 21 U.S.C. 848 (Count 2), and possession of heroin with intent to distribute, in violation of 21 U.S.C. 841(a)(1) (Count 7).[2]

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[1] Petitioners were acquitted of conspiracy to violate civil rights, in violation of 18 U.S.C. 241 (Count 15).

[2] Petitioner Fisher was sentenced to life imprisonment without possibility of parole and a $100,000 fine on Count 2; 15 years' imprisonment and $25,000 fine on Count 7; and 20 years' imprisonment and a $12,500 fine on each of Counts 13 and 14. All of petitioner Fisher's sentences are consecutive, with the exception of the 15-year term of imprisonment

1. a. The evidence at trial, which is not in dispute, showed that from 1972 to 1983 petitioners and several other individuals were associates in a massive narcotics enterprise run by a governing body called the "council." Each council member had a separate narcotics business, employing subordinates to distribute heroin in his respective territory in New York. Council members also purchased and distributed large quantities of cocaine, marijuana, and phencylidine (PCP). The council operated by pooling the resources of its members, sharing narcotics sources, allocating sales territories, adjudicating disputes among members, and handling the narcotics business of jailed members. To ensure the success of the operation and to maintain internal discipline, council members routinely approved the murders of suspected potential witnesses or of individuals who had been insubordinate. See Pet. App. A5-A6.[3]

Petitioner Fisher functioned as an organizer and supervisor of one of the council's seven narcotics businesses. Moreover, he assumed a leading role in dealing with one of the council's principal sources of heroin, managed one of the council's car leasing businesses, and developed new sources for cocaine, PCP, and marijuana after the 1978 conviction and incarceration of fellow council member and partner Leroy

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on Count 7, which is concurrent with the sentence on Count 2. The sentence on Count 1 merged with the sentence on Count 2. Appellee's Br. 5 n.*.

Petitioner Wheelings was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment and a $25,000 fine on Count 1; 15 years' imprisonment and $12,500 fine on Count 13; and 20 years' imprisonment and $12,500 fine on Count 14. All of these sentences are consecutive. Appellee's Br. 7 n.*.

[3] "Pet. App." refers to the appendix to the petition in No. 84-1778.

"Nicky" Barnes. Petitioner Wheelings worked as a member of Fisher's heroin processing crew, later assuming a leading role in Fisher's organization. Ultimately, petitioner Wheelings formed his own heroin business. See Pet. App. A6.

b. Prior to trial, the government moved for an order limiting voir dire examination of the jury panel so as to prevent disclosure of jurors' names, addresses, or places of employment. In support of its motion, the government submitted an affidavit by the Assistant United States Attorney handling the case that stated that such procedures were necessary in order to protect the jurors from retaliation or the fear of retaliation (Romano Aff. 2-7).[4] The affidavit pointed to the indictment itself, which contained charges that the defendants had murdered several individuals believed by them to be government witnesses (*id.* at 4-5). The affidavit further asserted that the government had reliable information that the defendants had agreed to pay $1 million for the murder of Leroy "Nicky" Barnes because they believed him to be a government witness and that contracts existed for the murder of Barnes and his two young daughters (*id.* at 5).

At the August 26, 1983 hearing on the government's motion, defense counsel made no attempt to rebut the government assertions, but simply objected to the proposed procedure on the grounds that it would deprive them of their ability meaningfully to exercise their peremptory challenges and would improperly relay a message to the jury that the defendants were dangerous (8/26/83 Tr. 17, 27-31,

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[4] "Romano Aff." refers to the August 17, 1983 affidavit of Benito Romano submitted in support of the government's motion for an anonymous jury.

33-39). Defense counsel further argued that such a restriction on voir dire was unnecessary because the government had made no claim that there had been any attempts in the instant case to tamper with the jury (*id.* at 21-22). The government reiterated the factual claims contained in its affidavit and additionally advised the court that it had information, which it would attempt to elicit at trial, that attempts had been made during petitioner Fisher's 1977 trial on narcotics charges to tamper with the jury (*id.* at 42). That case had ended in a mistrial with respect to Fisher (*United States* v. *Barnes*, 77 Cr. 190 (HFW)).[5]

Following the hearing, the government filed an additional affidavit by a different Assistant United States Attorney that provided further information in support of the claim that petitioner Fisher had tampered with the jury during his prior narcotics trial. The affidavit stated that both Barnes and another confidential informant had advised the government that petitioner had paid a juror in that case $25,000 in return for obtaining a hung jury and that petitioner during that case had attempted to kill three government witnesses (Douglas Aff. 1-3).[6] The affidavit further recited that because of the contract

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[5] Leroy "Nicky" Barnes had been convicted in the 1977 trial of conspiracy to violate the narcotics laws, substantive narcotics violations, and engaging in a continuing criminal enterprise. See *United States* v. *Barnes*, 604 F.2d 121 (2d Cir. 1979), cert. denied, 446 U.S. 907 (1980). Barnes subsequently began cooperating with the government.

[6] "Douglas Aff." refers to the September 1983 affidavit of Assistant United States Attorney Philip Douglas that was filed following the hearing on the government's motion for an anonymous jury.

on their lives, Barnes' two daughters had been placed in protective custody (*id.* at 4). The affidavit stated that after Barnes's cooperation became known, his girlfriend had been murdered "gangland" style in a Harlem bar and that during petitioner's initial presentment to the magistrate in the instant case, petitioner had made hand signals to his brother, who had been convicted in the 1977 case, indicating that a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agent and a police officer, who had been witnesses to damaging post-arrest statements by petitioner, should be killed (*ibid.*). Petitioner's counsel filed an answering affidavit in which he complained of the hearsay nature of the allegations contained in the post-hearing affidavit, labelled the allegations "hogwash," and requested a hearing (Kunstler Aff. 1-3).[7]

The district court denied the request for an evidentiary hearing and decided that the jury should be anonymous and sequestered. During voir dire, the court instructed the prospective jurors not to reveal their names, addresses, or places of employment or to discuss those matters with anyone (10/11/83 Tr. 2-3). The court explained to the jurors (*id.* at 11-13) that it was keeping their identities anonymous in order to prevent media curiosity from interfering with their duty to consider only the evidence when deciding the case.

2. The court of appeals affirmed (Pet. App. A1-A37). Relying on *United States* v. *Barnes*, 604 F.2d 121 (2d Cir. 1979), cert. denied, 446 U.S. 907 (1980), in which the use of an anonymous jury had likewise

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[7] "Kunstler Aff." refers to the September 7, 1983 affidavit of defense attorney William Kunstler filed in response to the Douglas Affidavit.

been upheld, the court of appeals found (Pet. App. A7-A12) that use of an anonymous jury was a valid precautionary measure that was fully warranted under the circumstances of this case. The court further found that this procedure had not undermined the presumption of innocence because the explanation given the jury for adopting such a procedure had not cast the defendants in an unfavorable light.

ARGUMENT

1. Petitioners contend (84-1778 Pet. 13-22; 84-6972 Pet. 23) that trial by an anonymous jury violated their right to due process and to an impartial jury because it extinguished the presumption of innocence by suggesting to the jurors that the defendants were dangerous and might harm them. The procedure challenged by petitioners was used in petitioner Fisher's first trial, which resulted in the conviction of several codefendants. In affirming those convictions, the Second Circuit upheld this procedure (604 F.2d at 133-143), and this Court denied a petition for certiorari that challenged that holding (79-261 Pet. 9-22). See also *Press-Enterprise Co.* v. *Superior Court*, No. 82-556 (Jan. 18, 1984), slip op. 1 n.1 (Blackmun, J., concurring) (citing *Barnes* as an example of how courts have exercised their discretion to limit voir dire in order to protect juror safety). The decisions of the Second Circuit upholding this procedure do not conflict with any decision of this Court or any other court of appeals, and there is no greater reason for this Court to review the issue in this case than there was at the time of the petition in *Barnes*. In any event, the decision of the court of appeals was correct.

The manner in which the voir dire examination of a jury is conducted is left to the broad discretion of the trial judge. *Rosales-Lopez* v. *United States*, 451 U.S. 182, 189 (1981) (plurality opinion); *United States* v. *Lambinus*, 747 F.2d 592, 598 (10th Cir. 1984); *United States* v. *Bosby*, 675 F.2d 1174, 1184 (11th Cir. 1982). A defendant has no inherent right to have any questions he wishes put to the jury. *United States* v. *Verkuilen*, 690 F.2d 648, 660 (7th Cir. 1982); *United States* v. *Barnes*, 604 F.2d at 140. Rather, a defendant has the right only to have questions asked that will expose the existence of reasons to challenge for cause and that will elicit sufficient information to allow the intelligent exercise of peremptory challenges. *United States* v. *Jones*, 722 F.2d 528, 529 (9th Cir. 1983); *United States* v. *Tegzes*, 715 F.2d 505, 507 (11th Cir. 1983); *United States* v. *Bosby*, 675 F.2d at 1182; *United States* v. *Taylor*, 562 F.2d 1345, 1355 (2d Cir.), certs. denied, 432 U.S. 909 and 434 U.S. 853 (1977). Here, apart from the restrictions concerning name, address, and place of employment, the voir dire examination was far-reaching and fully explored all matters that might show any bias or prejudice on the jurors' part.

Indeed, petitioners make no claim in this Court that their inability to learn the jurors' names, addresses, and places of employment in any way hampered their ability to make intelligent decisions regarding peremptory challenges or challenges for cause. Rather, petitioners' sole challenge to the procedure adopted is that it conveyed the idea to the jury that the defendants were dangerous, thus extinguishing the presumption of innocence and denying them a fair trial. Petitioners are wrong.

To be sure, a court must be sensitive to trial procedures that may adversely affect the jurors' judgment of the defendant and undermine the fairness of the factfinding process. Thus, in *Estelle* v. *Williams*, 425 U.S. 501 (1976) (see 84-1778 Pet. 14-15), this Court recognized that an accused cannot be compelled to attend trial in prison clothing. Such a constant reminder of the defendant's condition, the Court held, might well affect a juror's judgment and thus undermine the presumption of innocence. The Court has also recognized, however, that certain trial procedures are sometimes necessary despite possible adverse effects on the jury's feelings about the defendant. Thus, in *Illinois* v. *Allen*, 397 U.S. 337, 344 (1970), the Court noted that under extreme circumstances a contumacious defendant may be compelled to stand trial while gagged and shackled. Whether a particular practice impermissibly infringes on the defendant's right to a fair trial must be determined by weighing the possible prejudice to the defendant against the need for employing the procedure.

Here, there was ample reason to curtail voir dire examination to prevent disclosure of the jurors' names, addresses, and places of employment. First, the indictment charged the defendants with the murders of several individuals believed by the defendants to be government witnesses. Moreover, reliable information revealed that a murder contract had been taken out on the government's principal witness and his two young daughters; that petitioner Fisher had threatened law enforcement personnel at his initial appearance before the magistrate; and that petitioner Fisher at his 1977 trial on narcotics charges had bribed one of the jurors. In these circumstances, the trial court would have been remiss in not acting

to insure the safety of the jurors and to protect the integrity of the trial proceedings. In similar circumstances, where there is a legitimate concern for the safety of trial witnesses, the courts routinely have upheld orders providing for anonymity of those witnesses. See *United States* v. *Varella*, 692 F.2d 1352, 1355 (11th Cir. 1982), cert. denied, 463 U.S. 1210 (1983) (upholding government's objections to disclosure of names, addresses and occupations of two government witnesses); *United States* v. *Contreras*, 602 F.2d 1237, 1239 (5th Cir.), cert. denied, 444 U.S. 971 (1979) (prior and present addresses of DEA agent withheld); *United States* v. *Watson*, 599 F.2d 1149, 1157 (occupation of participant in Witness Protection Program concealed), modified on other grounds, 690 F.2d 15 (2d Cir. 1979); *United States* v. *Cavallaro*, 553 F.2d 300, 304 (2d Cir. 1977) (address of witness concealed); *United States* v. *Persico*, 425 F.2d 1375, 1383 (2d Cir.), cert. denied, 400 U.S. 869 (1970).

Petitioner Fisher nonetheless contends (84-1778 Pet. 18-22) that because sequestration of the jury was sufficient to protect the jurors during the trial, "[t]he only conceivable function of an anonymous jury [was] to shelter jurors from post-verdict revenge or retaliation administered by defendants unhappy with the outcome of the trial." There is simply no danger of such post-trial retaliatory attacks on jurors, argues petitioner, because "[e]ven the most amoral of criminals understands that attacking a juror after conviction will not benefit him." Petitioner's argument is doubly flawed. First, even though sequestration of the jury went a long way towards placing the jury members beyond attempts at bribery or retaliation during the trial, it could do nothing to prevent

threats or retaliation directed at members of the jurors' families. Second, as the court below aptly noted (Pet. App. A11 (citation omitted), "[a]s a practical matter, we cannot expect jurors to 'take their chances' on what might happen to them as a result of a guilty verdict." In short, the district court was under no obligation to risk the jurors' safety on the dubious assumption that defendants who were willing to murder a government witness and his two young daughters would draw the line at harming jurors.

When balanced against this need to protect the safety of the jurors, it is clear that the procedure adopted did not infringe petitioners' right to a fair trial or undermine the presumption of innocence. As the court below properly found (Pet. App. A11), the trial court gave the jury an "intelligent, reasonable and believable explanation for his actions that did not cast defendants in an unfavorable light." [8] Petitioner

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[8] The District Court instructed the prospective jurors as follows (10/11/83 Tr. 11-13):

> Now, this should be a very interesting case. Undoubtedly, it could receive considerable publicity, newspaper, radio and television. The media and the public may be curious concerning the identity of the participants, the witnesses, the lawyers and the jurors. That curiosity and its resultant comments might come to the attention of the jury selected here and possibly impair its impartiality by viewpoints expressed, comments made, opinions, inquiries and so forth.
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> Now, such outside influences could tend to distort what goes on in court, the evidence, and be distracting and divert the attention of the jury, and it might result in people prying into personal affairs of the participants, including those selected as jurors, who are selected only to judge the evidence in the case that can legally come

Fisher nonetheless argues (84-1778 Pet. 16-17) that the trial court's instructions were insufficient to dispel the inference that the reason for anonymity was the dangerousness of the defendants. In particular, petitioner argues (*id.* at 17) that because the jury was to be sequestered, they did not have to be "unusually perspicacious" to realize that anonymity was not needed to prevent media interference. As an initial matter, petitioner's claim that the jurors would disbelieve the explanation given them for jury anonymity is sheer speculation. The explanation was highly plausible, and petitioner advances no support for his claim that the jury disbelieved it. Moreover, petitioner's argument ignores the fact that the trial

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before you, and thus to distort and distract attention from the case.

Consequently, taking into consideration all the circumstances, I have decided that in selecting those who will serve as the jury your name, your address and your place of employment will remain anonymous during the trial of this case, and that's the reason why you have been given numbers.

This will serve to ward off curiosity and seekers for information that might otherwise infringe on your privacy and it will aid in insulating and sheltering you from unwanted and undesirable publicity and embarrassment and notoriety and any access to you which would interfere with preserving your sworn duty to fairly, impartially and independently serve as jurors. It will permit the media complete freedom of coverage of this trial.

For similar reasons, the jurors ultimately selected will be sequestered and kept free from outside influence and apart from the trial of the case. They will be housed and fed at government expense in a desirable hotel facility, to be kept together, and have your meals and recreation facilities all at government expense, and to be transported to and from court each day by the marshals assigned for the purpose.

court's explanation concerning anonymity was directed towards the entire jury panel prior to voir dire, several days before sequestration of the panel that was ultimately selected. The trial court's explanation was thus directed towards contact with the media not only following jury sequestration, but prior thereto as well.

In short, the trial court handled the situation with which it was confronted in an entirely responsible manner and in a way that fully protected petitioners against any adverse inferences by the jury. Any belief on the jury's part that petitioners and their co-defendants were dangerous came not from the judge's explanation as to the need for anonymity, but rather from the evidence presented at trial connecting them with numerous brutal murders.[9]

2. Petitioner Wheelings contends (84-6972 Pet. 20-22) that the co-conspirator exception to the hearsay rule (Fed. R. Evid. 801(d)(2)(E)) should not ap-

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[9] Petitioner Wheelings argues (84-6972 Pet. 23) that because all of the government's allegations in support of an anonymous jury pertained only to petitioner Fisher, the names of the jurors should at least have been provided to Wheelings' attorney with orders not to disclose that information to his client. There are at least two major defects in Wheelings' argument. First, it is unresponsive to, if not inconsistent with, petitioners' claim that nondisclosure of the jurors' names was harmful to them because it undermined the presumption of innocence. Had disclosure been made only to Wheelings' attorney, it is much more likely that the jurors would have realized that their names were being withheld because of the danger of intimidation or retaliation at the behest of the defendants, rather than to avoid media attention, as the trial judge told them. Second, we submit that the trial court acted prudently in not jeopardizing the jurors by making the partial disclosure to which petitioner Wheelings claims entitlement.

ply to racketeering conspiracies. According to petitioner Wheelings, application of the co-conspirator exception is fundamentally unfair in a RICO conspiracy because such a charge is far broader than a traditional conspiracy and can involve highly diverse crimes by apparently unrelated individuals. This argument is meritless.

The co-conspirator exception to the hearsay rule (Fed. R. Evid. 801(d)(2)(E)) applies by its terms to all conspiracies, regardless of their objects, size, or scope. Petitioner has not pointed to any evidence that Congress had a contrary intention when it adopted this rule or the RICO statute [10] or to any authority construing the co-conspirator rule in the way he advocates. Indeed, the courts routinely have acknowledged the admissibility of co-conspirator statements in RICO prosecutions. See, *e.g.*, *United States* v. *Ruggiero*, 726 F.2d 913 (2d Cir. 1984); *United States* v. *Riccobene*, 709 F.2d 214, 226 (3d Cir.), cert. denied, 464 U.S. 849 (1983); *United States* v. *Lemm*, 680 F.2d 1193, 1204 (8th Cir. 1982), cert. denied, 459 U.S. 1110 (1983); *United States* v. *Calabrese*, 645 F.2d 1379, 1386 (10th Cir.), cert. denied, 451 U.S. 1018 (1981). Moreover, the Eleventh Circuit has squarely rejected the claim that the co-conspirator exception to the hearsay rule does not in-

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[10] As the court stated in *United States* v. *Carter*, 721 F.2d 1514, 1529 (11th Cir. 1984), cert. denied, No. 83-1743 (Oct. 1, 1984): "The content of the agreement criminalized by RICO is still defined against the backdrop of general conspiracy law." See also *United States* v. *Sutherland*, 656 F.2d 1181, 1192 n.7 (5th Cir. 1981) ("Congress * * * in RICO [did not seek] to change traditional conspiracy concepts, [but rather] * * * sought to expand the reach of traditional conspiracy charges by establishing a new substantive crime around which a conspiracy might center.").

clude statements of RICO conspirators made in the course of and in furtherance of a RICO conspiracy. *United States* v. *Hewes*, 729 F.2d 1302, 1313 (1984).

Petitioner Wheelings' specific complaint (84-6972 Pet. 22) is that co-conspirator statements concerning the murder of informants should not have been admitted against him because his role in the conspiracy was limited to participation in the narcotics business. This argument, however, provides no basis for distinguishing a RICO conspiracy from any other multiple-object conspiracy. In every multiple-object conspiracy, the various conspirators could argue that the government should not be permitted to introduce statements made in furtherance of criminal objectives in which they were not personally and directly involved. Since this limitation has not been imposed with respect to other multiple-object conspiracies, there is no reason to apply it to RICO conspiracies. By joining a conspiracy, a conspirator aids and may derive benefit from all of the conspiracy's activities, not just those in which he is directly involved. Thus, it is entirely appropriate to admit against him statements made in furtherance of any of conspiracy's objectives. Any danger that statements regarding inflammatory aspects of the conspiracy may unduly prejudice a defendant not personally involved in those activities can be addressed under Fed. R. Evid. 403.

3. Petitioner Wheelings also claims (84-6972 Pet. 13-19) that the imposition of consecutive sentences for his drug conspiracy, RICO conspiracy, and substantive RICO convictions violated the Double Jeopardy Clause.

a. Petitioner Wheelings first argues (84-6972 Pet. 13-17) that he impermissibly received consecutive

sentences for his drug conspiracy and RICO conspiracy convictions because those two offenses constitute the "same" offense for double jeopardy purposes. Specifically, petitioner claims that the drug conspiracy charge (Count 1) did not require proof of any fact that was not also required to sustain the RICO conspiracy charge (Count 13). The court of appeals properly rejected this argument (Pet. App. A22-A27), which does not in any event warrant further review by this Court. Petitioner cites no holding of any other court of appeals that conflicts with the decision below on this point; we have found only one other case in which a court of appeals has even addressed the issue, and it reached the same result as the Second Circuit. *United States* v. *Love*, No. 83-5171 (4th Cir. July 3, 1985), slip op. 25-26.

This Court has made clear that the propriety of cumulative punishments under the Double Jeopardy Clause is strictly a matter of legislative intent. See *Ohio* v. *Johnson*, No. 83-904 (June 11, 1984), slip op. 6 & n.8; *Garrett* v. *United States*, No. 83-1842 (June 3, 1985), slip op. 19; *Missouri* v. *Hunter*, 459 U.S. 359 (1983); *Albernaz* v. *United States*, 450 U.S. 333, 343-344 (1981); *Whalen* v. *United States*, 445 U.S. 684, 691-693 (1980). "With respect to cumulative sentences imposed in a single trial, the Double Jeopardy Clause does no more than prevent the sentencing court from prescribing greater punishment than the legislature intended." *Missouri* v. *Hunter*, 459 U.S. at 366. Thus, " 'the question of what punishments are constitutionally permissible is not different from the question of what punishments the Legislative Branch intended to be imposed. Where Congress intended * * * to impose multiple punishments, imposition of such sentences does not

violate the Constitution.'" *Id.* at 368 (emphasis omitted), quoting *Albernaz*, 450 U.S. at 344.

In applying this standard, the Court "has consistently relied on the test of statutory construction stated in *Blockburger* v. *United States*, 284 U.S. 299, 304 (1932), to determine whether Congress intended the same conduct to be punishable under two criminal provisions." *Ball* v. *United States*, No. 84-5004 (Mar. 26, 1985), slip op. 5. Under *Blockburger*, "[t]he appropriate inquiry * * * is 'whether each provision requires proof of a fact which the other does not.'" *Ball*, slip op. 5 (citation omitted). Here, this test is met. A racketeering conspiracy proscribed by 18 U.S.C. 1962(d) requires proof of the existence or proposed creation of an "enterprise" the affairs of which are to be conducted by a "pattern of racketeering," while a drug conspiracy proscribed by 21 U.S.C. 846 does not. Section 846 requires proof of a narcotics-related conspiracy, while a RICO conspiracy does not.

Relying on Judge Newman's dissent (Pet. App. A27-A-37), petitioner Wheelings nonetheless argues that in determining whether offenses are the same under *Blockburger*, it is necessary to look to the indictment as drafted and the proof presented at trial. Under that approach, petitioner argues, the drug conspiracy was actually a lesser-included offense of the RICO conspiracy, because the RICO conspiracy count charged a conspiracy that had as its object making money by the illegal trafficking in narcotics and because many of the racketeering acts charged in the RICO conspiracy count were also alleged as overt acts in the drug conspiracy count. This argument, however, ignores the fact that the *Blockburger* test turns on the statutory elements of the offense and not on the allegations of the indictment or the government's

proof at trial. See *Albernaz*, 450 U.S. at 337-338; *Iannelli* v. *United States*, 420 U.S. 770, 785 n.17 (1975); *United States* v. *Solano*, 605 F.2d 1141, 1145 (9th Cir. 1979), cert. denied, 444 U.S. 1020 (1980).

Moreover, even if petitioner's understanding of the *Blockburger* test were correct, his characterization of the indictment in this case is not, for the Section 846 conspiracy charged here clearly requires proof of an element not required for conviction under the RICO conspiracy count in the indictment. The Section 846 conspiracy required proof that the defendants entered into an agreement to distribute drugs and to possess drugs with the intent to distribute them. The RICO conspiracy did not require proof of such an agreement but of an agreement to participate in the affairs of the enterprise through a pattern of racketeering activity, and the contemplated predicate acts alleged to constitute this pattern of racketeering activity included not only violations of the drug laws but other crimes, including murder. For example, petitioner Wheelings was alleged to have agreed to participate in the murder of Ronald Bell, Robert Geronimo, and Leroy "Nicky" Barnes (84-6972 Pet. App. 53a, 55a-56a, 62a). Thus, petitioner Wheelings' conviction for RICO conspiracy did not require proof that he agreed that the enterprise would engage in drug violations.

Finally, even if the Section 846 conspiracy in this case were a lesser included offense of the RICO conspiracy, it would still be necessary to determine whether Congress intended those offenses to be separately punishable. See *Missouri* v. *Hunter*, 459 U.S. at 368-369. For the reasons set out in the court of appeals' opinion (Pet. App. A25-A27), we believe that separate punishment was intended.

b. Petitioner Wheelings' argument (84-6972 Pet. 17-19) that he was improperly given consecutive sentences for his RICO substantive and RICO conspiracy convictions is equally meritless. This Court [11] and the courts of appeals [12] have consistently recognized that a substantive offense and a conspiracy to commit that offense are generally different offenses that satisfy the *Blockburger* test.

Petitioner's argument appears to rest solely on Wharton's Rule, which states that "an agreement between two people to commit a particular crime cannot be prosecuted as a conspiracy where the crime necessarily requires the participation of two persons

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[11] See, *e.g.*, *Jeffers* v. *United States*, 432 U.S. 137, 156-157 (1977) (plurality opinion); *Iannelli*, 420 U.S. at 777-779, 785-786 n.17; *United States* v. *Feola*, 420 U.S. 671, 693-694 (1975); *Callanan* v. *United States*, 364 U.S. 587, 593-594 (1961); *Pereira* v. *United States*, 347 U.S. 1, 11-12 (1954); *Pinkerton* v. *United States*, 328 U.S. 640, 643-644 (1946); *Carter* v. *McClaughry*, 183 U.S. 365 (1902).

[12] See, *e.g.*, *United States* v. *Marrone*, 746 F.2d 957 (3d Cir. 1984); *United States* v. *Nichols*, 741 F.2d 767, 772-773 (5th Cir. 1984), cert. denied, No. 84-985 (Feb. 19, 1985); *United States* v. *Bagaric*, 706 F.2d 42, 63 n.18 (2d Cir.), cert. denied, 464 U.S. 840 (1983); *United States* v. *DeVincent*, 632 F.2d 155, 159-160 (1st Cir. 1980), cert. denied, 450 U.S. 984 (1981); *United States* v. *Bright*, 630 F.2d 804, 813 (5th Cir. 1980); *United States* v. *Bosch*, 584 F.2d 1113, 1119 (1st Cir. 1978); *United States* v. *Shelton*, 573 F.2d 917, 918-920 (6th Cir.), cert. denied, 439 U.S. 827 (1978); *United States* v. *Inmon*, 568 F.2d 326, 329-333 (3d Cir. 1977); *United States* v. *Kearney*, 560 F.2d 1358, 1365-1367 (9th Cir.), cert. denied, 434 U.S. 971 (1977); *United States* v. *Ricco*, 549 F.2d 264, 272-273 (2d Cir.), cert. denied, 431 U.S. 905 (1977); *United States* v. *Armedo-Sarmiento*, 545 F.2d 785, 791-792 (2d Cir. 1976), cert. denied, 430 U.S. 917 (1977).

for its commission." *United States* v. *Rone*, 598 F.2d 564, 569 (9th Cir. 1979), cert. denied, 445 U.S. 946 (1980). However, the courts have generally recognized that Wharton's Rule has no application to the RICO statute. See *United States* v. *Cagnina*, 697 F.2d 915, 923 (11th Cir.), cert. denied, 464 U.S. 856 (1983); *United States* v. *Rone*, 598 F.2d at 569-571; *United States* v. *Ohlson*, 552 F.2d 1347, 1348-1349 (9th Cir. 1977); *United States* v. *Hawkins*, 516 F. Supp. 1204, 1206-1208 (M.D. Ga. 1981), aff'd, 671 F.2d 1383 (11th Cir. 1982) (Table), cert. denied, 459 U.S. 943 (1982); *United States* v. *Boffa*, 513 F. Supp. 444, 478 (D. Del. 1980).

First, the plain language of 18 U.S.C. 1962(c), the substantive RICO provision, clearly indicates that a violation may be committed by an individual acting alone. The statute makes it unlawful for "any person" to conduct an enterprise affecting interstate commerce through a "pattern of racketeering activity." The definitions of "pattern of racketeering activity" (18 U.S.C. 1961(5)) and "racketeering activity" (18 U.S.C. 1961(1)) do not incorporate any element of agreement or concerted activity. See *United States* v. *Ohlson*, 552 F.2d at 1349. Even if two or more persons together constitute an associational enterprise, the proscribed activity is not the enterprise but the pattern of racketeering activity in its furtherance. Such criminal conduct can be the act of a single person. As the Ninth Circuit has observed, "the enterprise is simply one of the jurisdictional elements of the statute." *United States* v. *Rone*, 598 F.2d at 570. See also *Iannelli* v. *United States*, 420 U.S. at 789 (the requirement of participation of "five or more persons" as an element of the substantive offense under 18 U.S.C. 1955 is jurisdic-

tional and does not "represent[ ] a legislative attempt to merge the conspiracy and the substantive offense into a single crime").

Moreover, the offenses proscribed by the RICO statute are significantly different from those, such as adultery, incest, bigamy, and dueling, to which Wharton's Rule has traditionally been applied. See *Iannelli* v. *United States*, 420 U.S. at 784. In contrast to those offenses, the harm attendant upon the commission of the substantive RICO offense is not restricted to the offender; the parties prosecuted for the conspiracy need not be the same persons who are prosecuted for commission of the substantive offense; and agreements to enter into large-scale racketeering activities are likely to generate additional agreements to engage in other criminal endeavors. These significant differences between the kinds of offenses that gave rise to Wharton's Rule and the activities proscribed by RICO "counsel against attributing significant weight to the presumption the Rule erects" (420 U.S. at 786).

Finally, even if Wharton's Rule were otherwise applicable, it would be necessary to determine whether Congress intended to create an offense of racketeering separate and apart from conspiracy. The very inclusion in the RICO statute of a separate conspiracy provision is persuasive evidence that Congress so intended. Moreover, as argued above, Congress' goal in enacting RICO was to provide enhanced sanctions to deal with the unlawful activities of those engaged in organized crime. See also *United States* v. *Martino*, 681 F.2d 952, 956-957 (5th Cir. 1982) (en banc).

Petitioner nonetheless argues (84-6972 Pet. 19) that the decision below, which comports with deci-

sions of the Third (*United States* v. *Marrone*, 746 F.2d 957 (1984)), Ninth (*United States* v. *Rone*, *supra*) and Eleventh (*United States* v. *Cagnina*, *supra*) Circuits, conflicts with the en banc decision of the Sixth Circuit in *United States* v. *Sutton*, 642 F.2d 1001, 1040 (1980), cert. denied, 453 U.S. 912 (1981). In *Sutton* the Sixth Circuit made the offhand statement that "the proofs * * * showing these defendants violated § 1962(c) and § 1962(d) were identical," and the court remanded for resentencing where the sentences originally imposed were consecutive (642 F.2d at 1040). However, the propriety of the consecutive sentences in *Sutton* was not even addressed in the briefs before the panel or the en banc court, and the disposition of the sentencing question appears to have been strictly limited to that case. Apart from the paragraph in *Sutton* on which petitioner relies, the Sixth Circuit has provided no further indication that it has abandoned the well settled principle that a conspiracy and its underlying substantive offense are separate crimes properly subject to consecutive punishment. See, *e.g.*, *United States* v. *Licavoli*, 725 F.2d 1040, 1049-1050 (6th Cir. 1984) ("Even if the predicate act of bribery and the RICO charge fail the *Blockburger* test * * * Congress did specifically authorize cumulative sentences under RICO."), cert. denied, No. 83-1657 (June 18, 1984); *United States* v. *Nickerson*, 606 F.2d 156, 159 (6th Cir.), cert. denied, 444 U.S. 994 (1979). Thus, in the future, following full briefing on the issue, the Sixth Circuit may well sustain the validity of consecutive sentences imposed for a RICO conspiracy and a substantive RICO violation. Until that circuit clearly demonstrates that it regards such consecutive sentences for RICO violations to be per se

improper, any alleged conflict between *Sutton* and the decisions of the other courts that uniformly have rejected the *Sutton* approach does not warrant review by this Court.

CONCLUSION

The petitions for a writ of certiorari should be denied.

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